24 है । इनमें से 9 पत्र तीन से छः महीनों की अवधि, 3 पत्र छः से नौ महीनों की अवधि, 7 पत्र नौ से बारह महीनों की अवधि और 5 पत्र एक वर्ष की अवधि से लम्बित पडे हैं ।

(ख) विभिन्न संगठनों से सामग्री सूचना एकत्र करने में लगे समय के कारण उत्तर देने में विलम्ब हुआ है । यह सुनिश्चित करने के लिए कि उत्तर तुरन्त दिए जाएं, संसद सदस्यों से प्राप्त पत्रों के निपटान के लिए कार्यालय पद्धति मैनुअल में निर्धारित अनुदेशों का कड़ाई से पालन किया जाता है ।

Change in US policy of arms aid to Pakistan

848. SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD :
SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether any notable change has been observed by Government following the induction of the newly elected democratic Government in Pakistan headed by Ms. Banazir Bhutto, in the matter of proposed US arms aid to Pakistan ; and

(b) if so, what is Government's information about the previous plan of the US arms supply to Pakistan and the reduction, if any, noted in regard thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Efforts to eliminate apartheid from South Africa

849. SHRI MAHENDARA PRASAD :
SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state what specific steps have been taken by Government through various international forums and diplomatic channels to being pressure to bear on the South African regime to give up their policy of apartheid during the last three months and with what results?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (PROF. K.K. TEWARI) : India is one of the members of the Commonwealth Committee of Foreign Ministers on Southern Africa which met in Harare from February 6-8, 1989 in its third meeting in accordance with its mandate given by the Commonwealth Heads of Government under the Okanagan Statement and Programme of Action agreed to in Vancouver in 1987. The committee reviewed actions to intensify and tighten sanctions against South Africa, in particular the strengthening and widening of the arms embargo. It decided to intensify efforts to curtail South Africa's links with international financial institutions and to pursuade countries which had not already done so to cut trade links with South Africa. The actions of the South African regime to destabilise the Front Line states were also reviewed.

Recently Government hosted the fourth meeting of senior officials of the Africa Fund Committee in New Delhi to pursue concrete measures of assistance to the Front line states and to the South African liberation movements.

Governments have continued to raise the issue of the urgent need to dismantle appartheid and to bring pressure to bear on the South African resime in bilateral talks with leaders of foreign countries and in various international fora.

Forced landing by AI planes

850. SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD :
SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE :

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that an Air India Sydney-Singapore Boeing, with 281 people abroad, and another Air Inda Airliner with 137 passengers abroad from Kuala Lumpur to Madras had to be forcelanded on January 3, 1989 under threats to bombs planted therein ;

(b) if so, what are the details of these incidents ; and

(c) what are the findings of the inquiries made into these incidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Flight AI-465 of 3rd January, coming from Sydney was diverted to Bali on receipt of a message through Bali control that there is likelihood of bomb on board the aircraft. Similar threat was received for flight AI-432 on 3rd January 1989 operating on Kualalumpur-Singapore sector. The plane returned to Kualulmpur on receipt of threat call.

(c) Thorough search was made of the aircraft in both cases but no explosive devices were found.

Building for permanent mission of India at the United Nations

851. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether a new building for a permanent mission of India at the United Nations is proposed to be constructed in mid-town Manhattan, New York ;

(b) if so, what are the details of the project, the building schedule and the cost thereof ; and

(c) what steps have been taken so far in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) It is proposed to build the offices of the Permanent Mission of India to the United Nations and housing for members of the Permanent Mission and the Consulate General of India, New York, on a plot of land in Manhattan, New York, owned by the Government. The total project including preparations and the actual construction is expected to take 39 months from the time of approval and is expected to cost about US£ 16 million. Our architect has completed the plans and Government have selected the Construction Manager who is in the process of obtaining local approvals. Actual construction is expected to began in the early summer of 1989 and is scheduled to be completed in about 20 months.

मध्य प्रदेश में कामकाजी महिलाओं के लिए होस्टल

852. श्री अजीत जोगी :
श्री पृथ्वी मांझी :

क्या मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) सातवीं पंचवर्षीय योजनावधि में कामकाजी महिलाओं के लिए